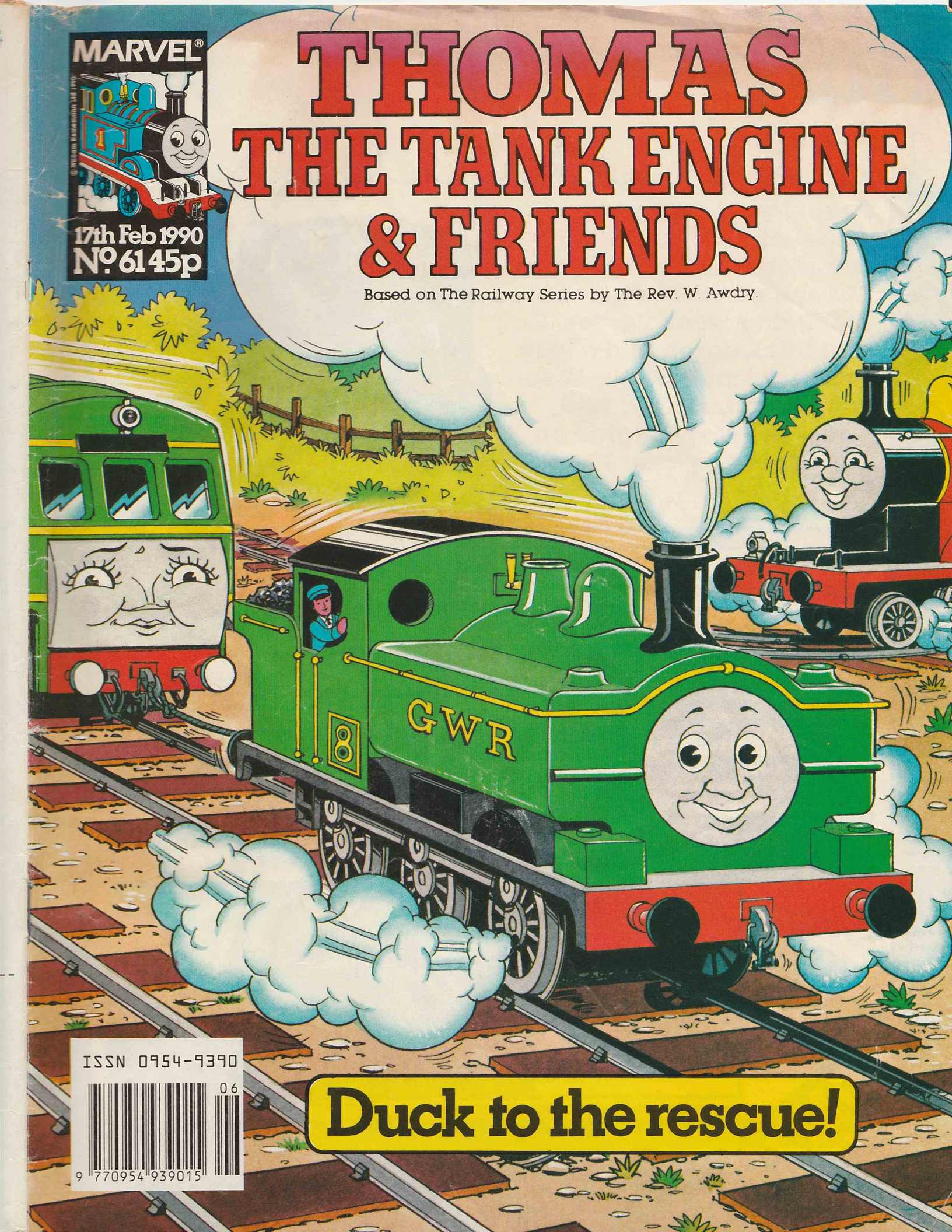
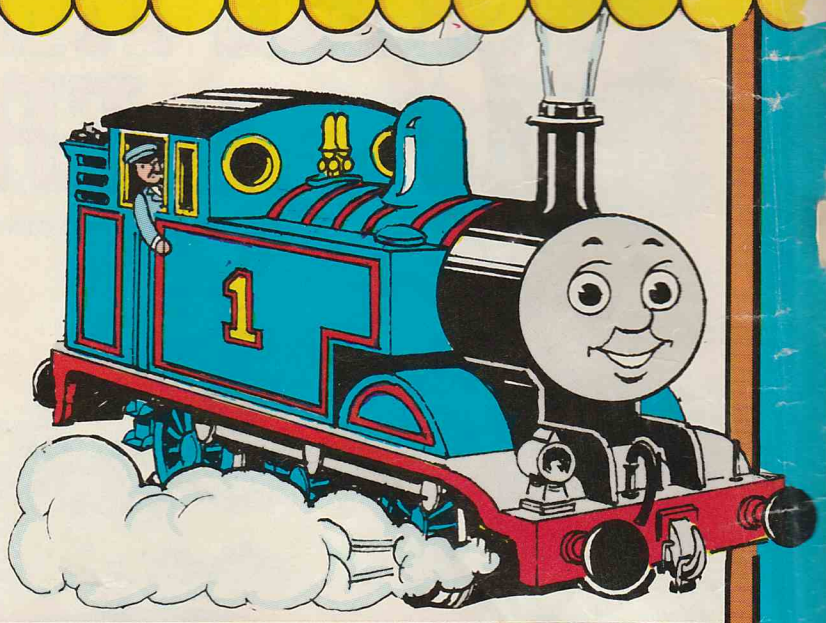


ISSN 0954-9390
06
9 770954 939015

THE THOMAS CLUB PAGE

Peep! Peep! Daisy is very proud of the fact that she is a modern diesel railcar. But she cannot help protesting when James and Duck agree that a very peculiar smell in the shed is coming from her fuel line – the story begins on the opposite page! Peep! Peep!

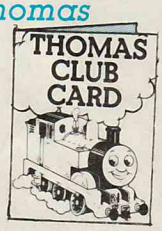


EVERY ISSUE!

By taking out a subscription to **Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends,** every issue will be sent straight to your home for a year! You will also receive a splendid **Thomas Pack** and become an automatic member of the **Thomas Club** too! Details are on page 7!

MEMBERSHIP CARDS!

There is another way of joining the **Thomas Club** without taking out a year's subscription. Just collect 3 tokens like the one on the bottom of this page. Send one yellow, one red and one green token, together with a stamped addressed envelope, to: *Thomas Membership Cards, Marvel Comics, 13-15 Arundel Street, London WC2.*



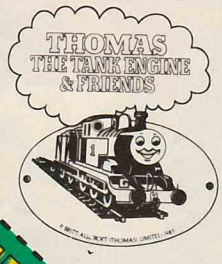
Please allow 28 days for delivery of your very own little black and white membership card plus number!

WELCOME!

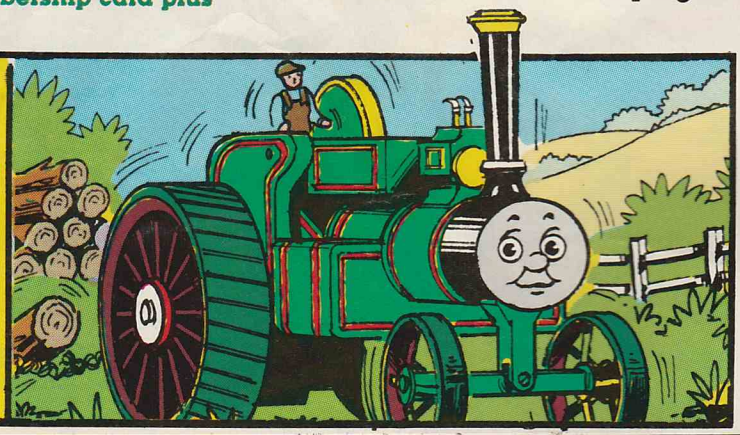
The Fat Controller would like to say a special hello to the following readers:

Samuel Rice, aged 4, **Michael Northcott** (27912), **Gary Bryan Simpson** (2322), aged 4 and **Jaqueline** and **Sandra Thackeray** who live in the Philippines.

If you'd like a special hello from the Fat Controller, send him your name and details at the address shown on the letters page.



In our next issue: Trevor the Traction Engine takes a trip!

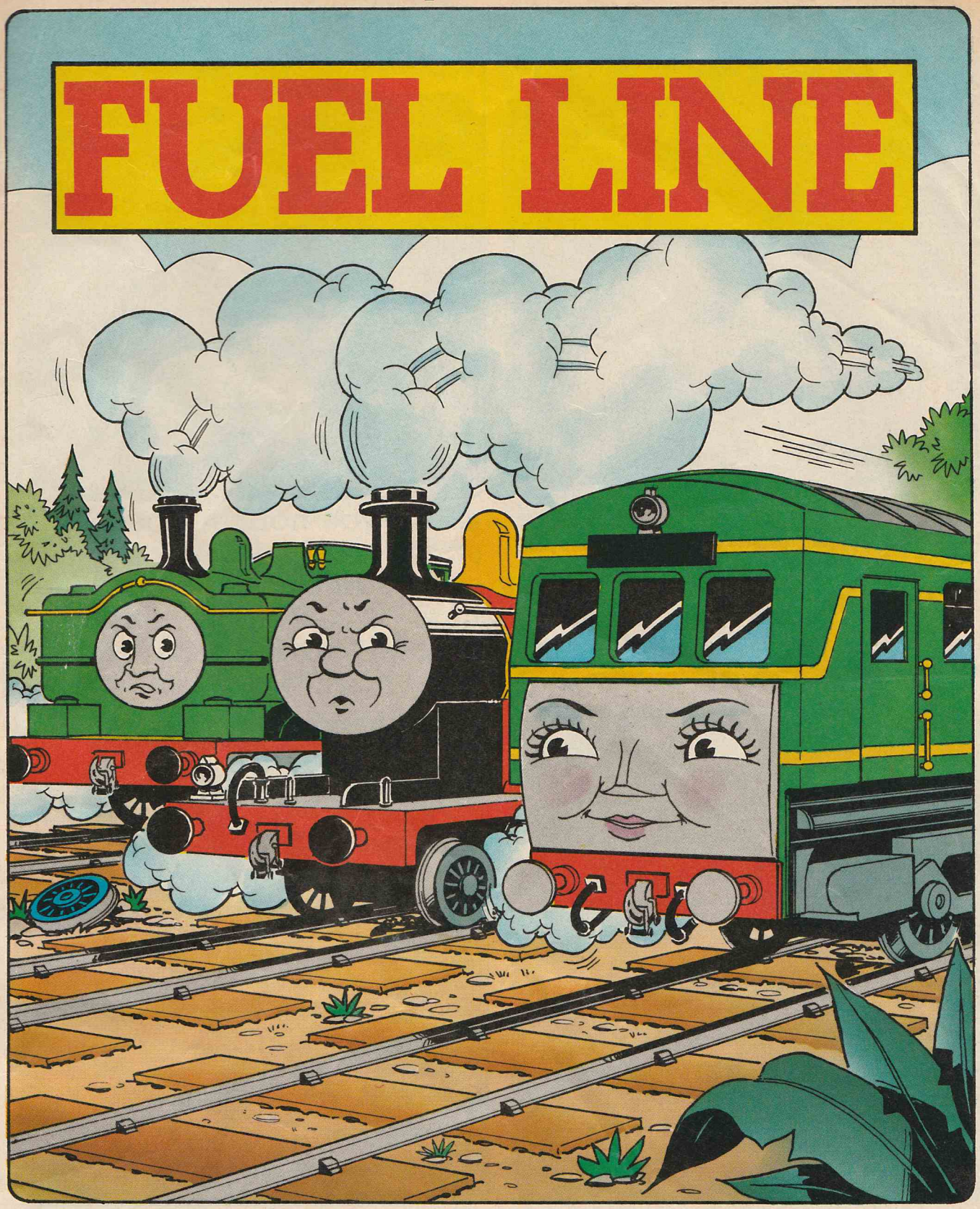


THOMAS TOKEN

THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE & FRIENDS is published fortnightly by **MARVEL COMICS LTD**, 13-15 Arundel Street, London WC2R 3DX. All material Copyright © William Heinemann Limited 1990 © copyright Britt Allcroft (Thomas) Ltd 1990. All publishing rights William Heinemann Ltd. All television and merchandising rights licensed by William Heinemann to Britt Allcroft (Thomas) Ltd exclusively worldwide. No similarity between any names, characters, persons and/or institutions in this magazine with those of any living or dead person or institution is intended and any such similarity which may exist is purely coincidental. Printed in England. Distributed by Comag.

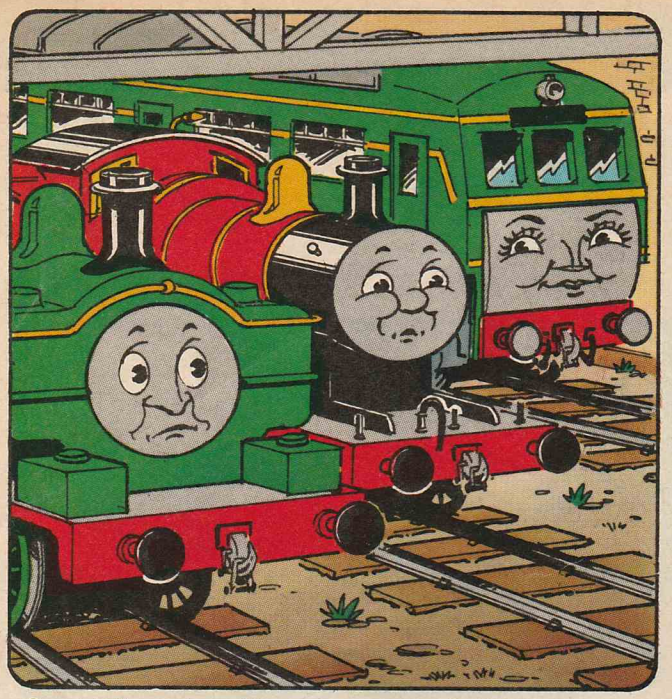
ABC

A listen and look story!

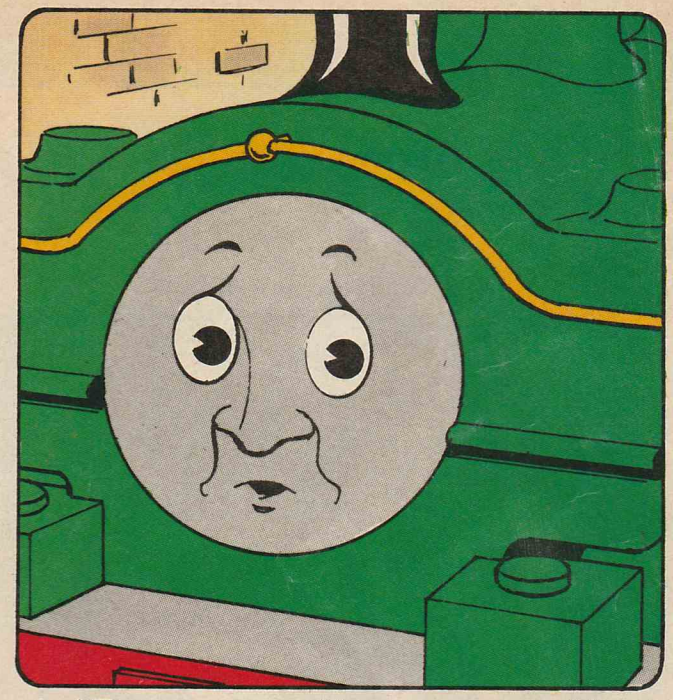


1. Daisy is a modern diesel railcar. She is very proud that she is newer than most of the other engines. "I'm thoroughly bang-up-to-date!" Daisy likes to boast.

2. "Diesel is really so much cleaner than coal," she will say. "Diesel is the fuel of the future, you know. Steam engines are quite simply old fashioned contraptions!"

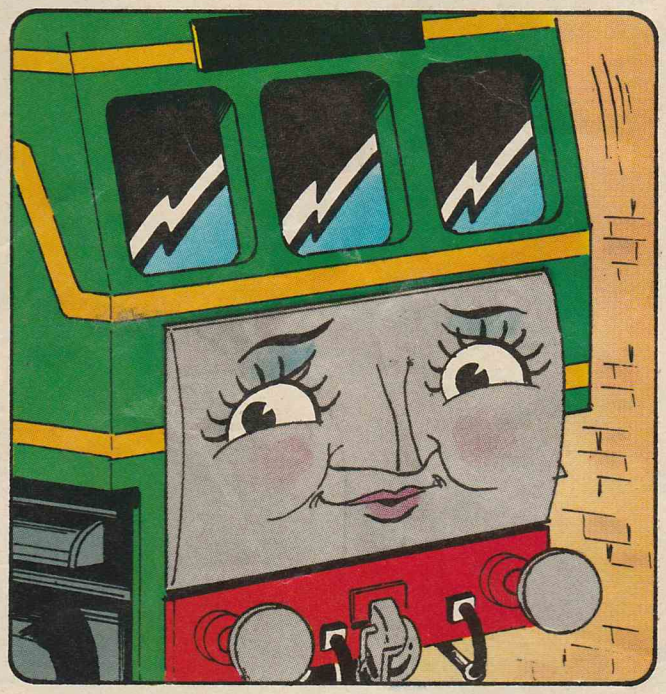


3. The other engines are generally rather fond of Daisy, but they do wish she wouldn't take on so! One morning there was a funny smell in the shed.



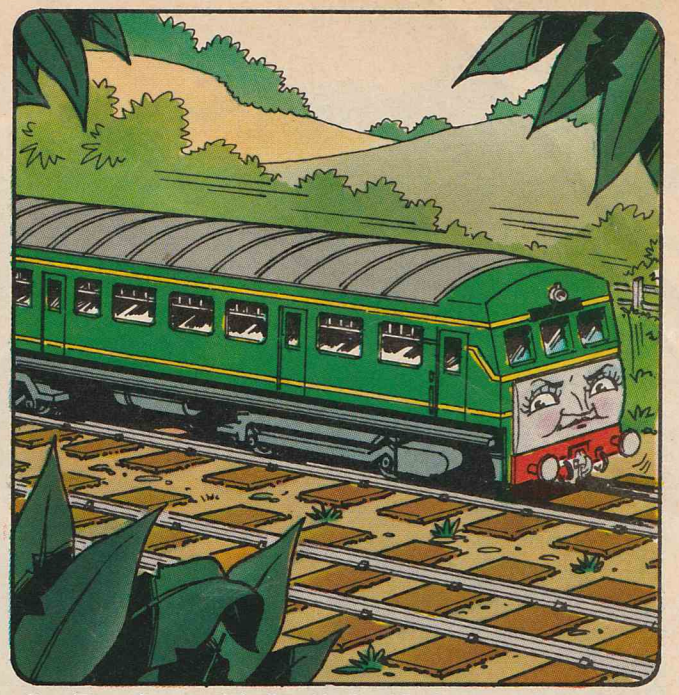
4. "Do you notice a peculiar smell?" asked Duck. "Yes," said James. "How could I miss it?" "I have smelt it before," said Duck. "But I can't think what it is."

5. "I can't think what it is either," said James. "But I do know where it's coming from!" He looked at Daisy. "What are you looking at me for?!" protested Daisy!



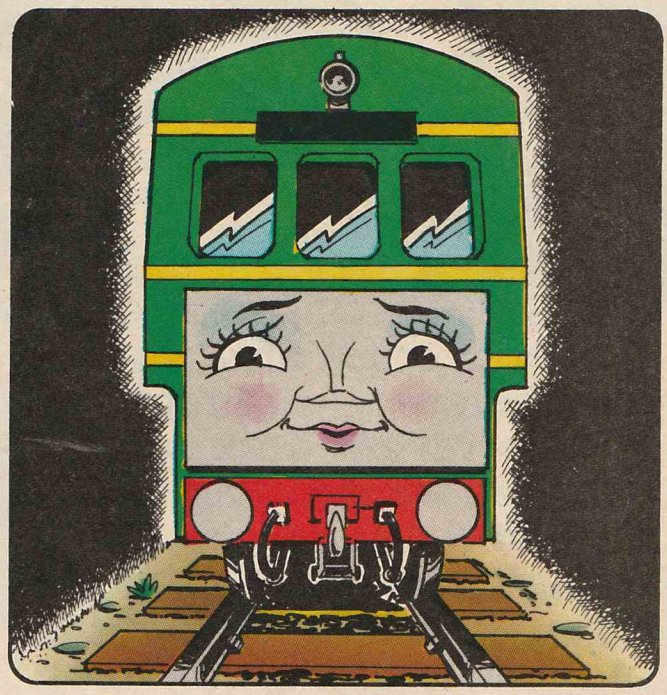
6. "I'm a clean and modern engine," said Daisy. "I do not smell!" Daisy was very glad when her driver came to take her out. Even better, he was in a hurry!

7. Daisy pulled up at the platform to let her passengers get on. They were going to work. "Morning, Daisy!" they said. "You're a couple of minutes late today!"

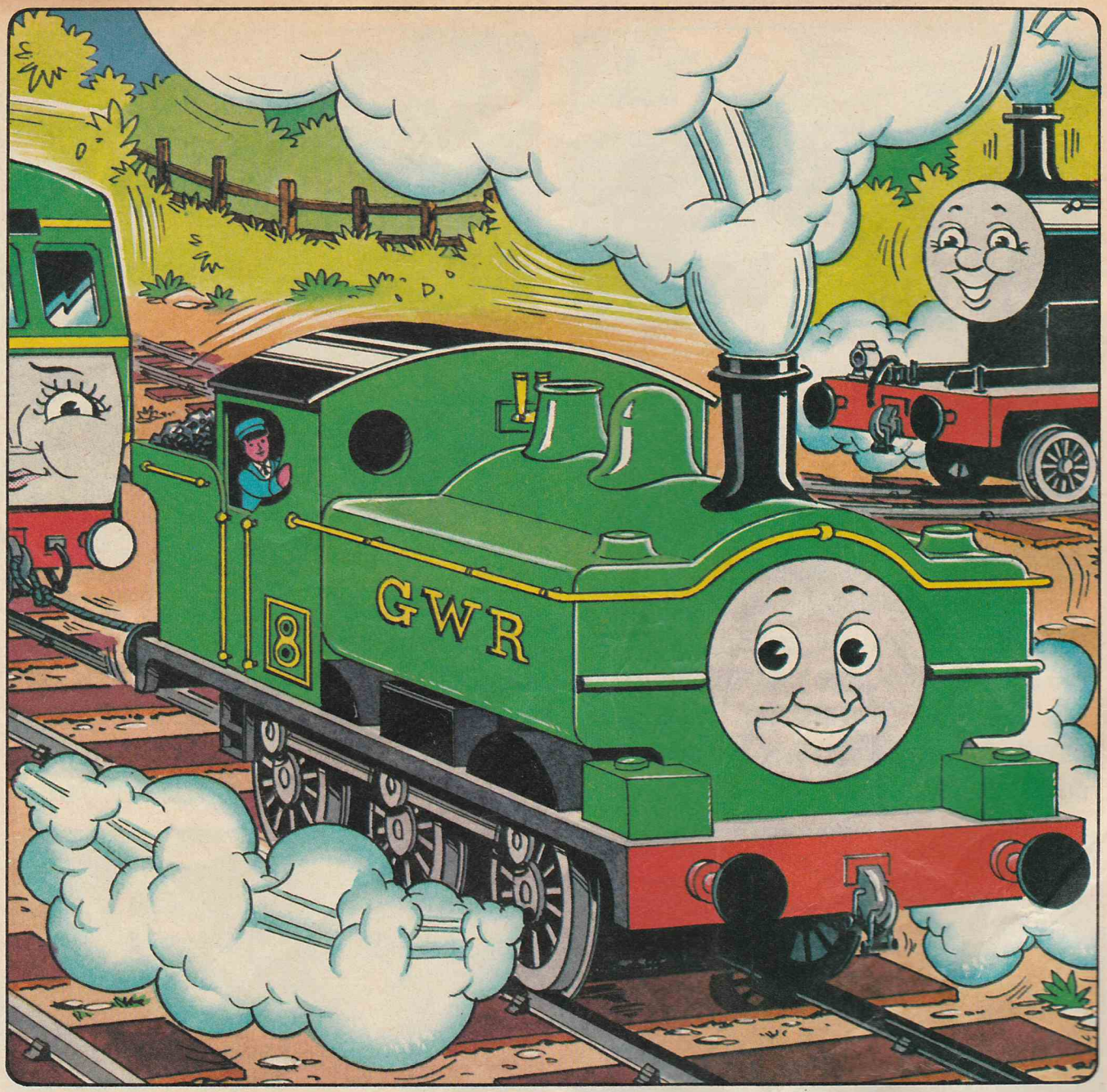


8. Daisy didn't tell her driver about the peculiar smell. She didn't want to talk about it. She was too proud. She was quite happy to just forget it.

9. "James and Duck are silly engines!" she told herself. "They don't know what they are talking about!" But as Daisy entered the new tunnel she began to feel faint!



10. She seemed to be losing power! "What's the matter, Daisy?" asked her driver. "I don't know," said Daisy. "I just feel weak." She was moving slower and slower.



11. Soon Daisy had to stop altogether . . . right in the middle of the dark tunnel! "Why are we stopping here?" cried the passengers. "We'll be late for work!" Daisy's driver went to see what the problem could be. "Dear oh dear, Daisy," he said. "It looks as if you have a leaky fuel line! Didn't you smell anything back in the shed?"

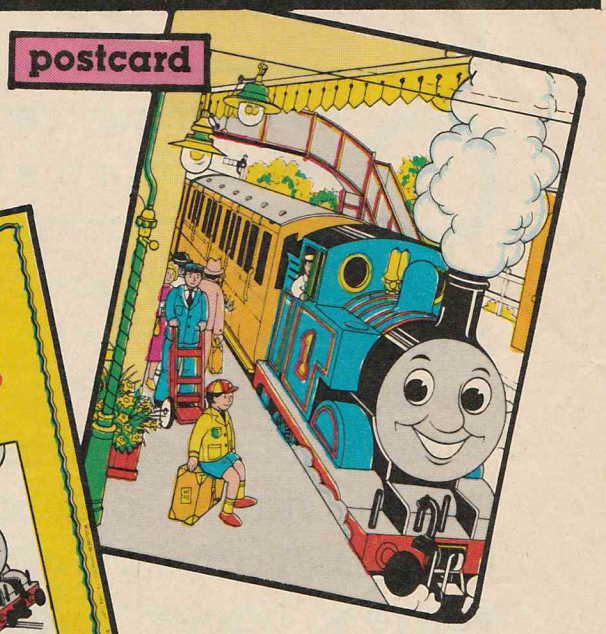
12. Daisy didn't like to say. Edward had to come with two carriages to take Daisy's passengers to work. Then Duck had to come to tow Daisy back to the yard. "I knew I recognised that smell," he said. "It was the smell of leaking diesel! Smelly diesel!" James and Duck laughed. "I bet Daisy wishes she ran on coal now!"

THE END

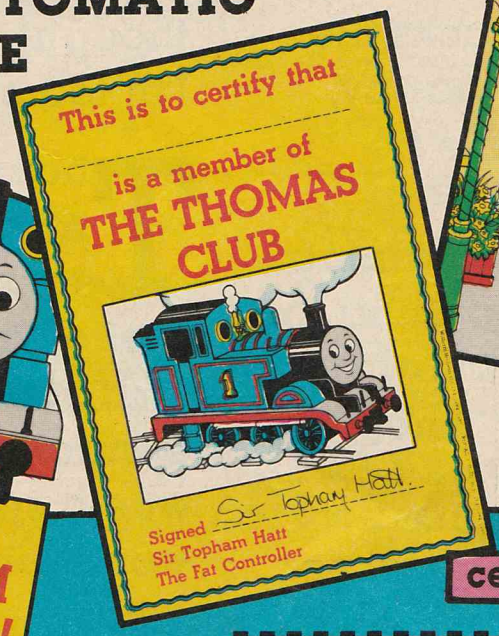
In our next issue: Trevor takes a trip!

Subscribe to Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends!

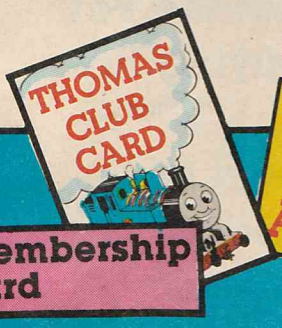
- **HAVE EVERY ISSUE SENT STRAIGHT TO YOUR HOME!**
- **BECOME AN AUTOMATIC MEMBER OF THE THOMAS CLUB!**
- **RECEIVE A SPLENDID THOMAS PACK!**



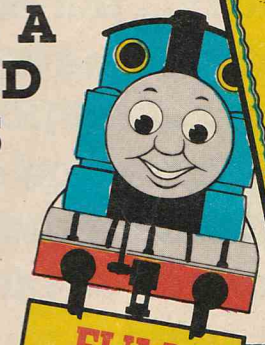
postcard



certificate



membership card



door hanger

It costs just **£10.40** to be sent every issue of **Thomas the Tank Engine** for a year – and this includes postage and packing. You will also receive our very special subscriber's pack (above). Just fill in the form and send it, together with a cheque or postal order for **£10.40** to: *Thomas Subscriptions, PO Box 500, Leicester LE99 0AB*

I should like to subscribe to **Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends** and understand I will receive 26 issues by post. I enclose a cheque/postal order for **£10.40** to include postage and packing. Please enrol me as an immediate member of the **Thomas Club** if I do not already belong.

Name .....

Age ..... **Birthday** .....

Address .....

.....

My favourite part of Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends magazine is .....

.....

Signature of parent/guardian .....

.....

Thomas Subscriptions, PO Box 500, Leicester, LE99 0AB.

Please allow 28 days for delivery of your first magazine and special pack.

Please make your cheque or postal order payable to Marvel Comics Ltd.

See Thomas, Percy and James's GERBER FRUIT DRINK PACKS for details of a **£1 DISCOUNT OFFER!** In the shops now!

The Surpri

One morning, Percy was busy in the yard, moving trucks. He was feeling very happy, and whistled while he worked.

Gordon came steaming into the station, pulling the express. "I don't know why you're so happy, Percy," he said crossly. "You're in a lot of trouble with the Fat Controller. I overheard him telling my guard that he wanted a special present for his wife. Then he said he was going to give you a dressing down – that means he's going to scold you!"

Percy went back to work. But his mind wasn't on his job. "I wonder why the Fat Controller wants to give me a dressing down?" he thought. "Perhaps he thinks I'm too cheeky."

present

Thomas puffed by with Annie and Clarabel to collect passengers. "Hello, Percy," he called. "Did you hear that the Fat Controller was buying his wife a special present? I wonder what it can be?"

Percy didn't care about presents. He was so busy thinking about the Fat Controller that he wasn't watching where he was going. Before his driver could slow him down, he collided with a truck, knocking it off the rails.

"Oh, dear!" sighed Percy, when his driver pulled on his brakes, and stepped down from the cab to inspect the damage. "The Fat Controller is sure to hear about this."

se Present!

The Fat Controller was not pleased with Percy. "You must be more careful, Percy," he said crossly.

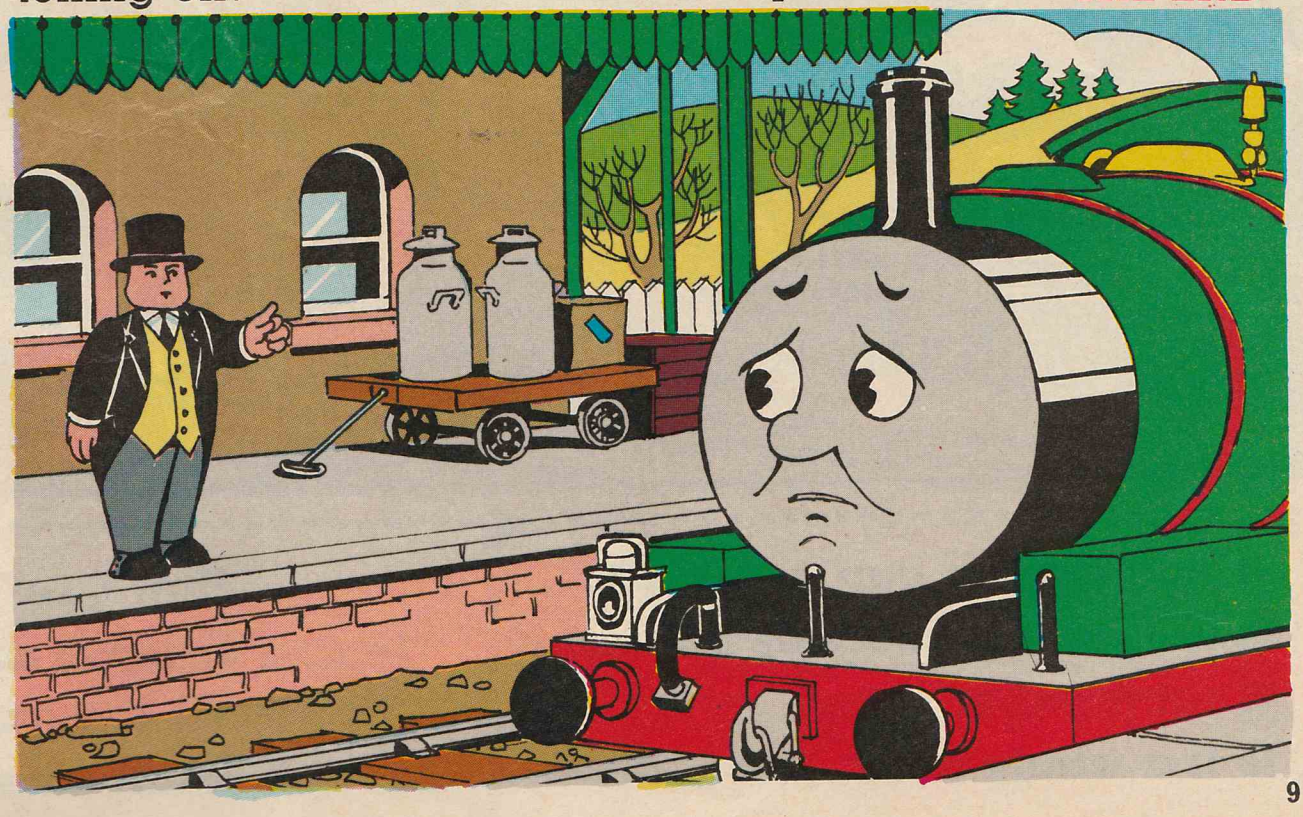
"I'm sorry, sir," said Percy. "But I'm upset because you wanted to give me a dressing down and I wasn't watching where I was going."

The Fat Controller frowned. "What are you talking about, Percy? Why should I want to give you a telling off?"

Percy explained what Gordon had overheard. The Fat Controller laughed. "You silly engine. I was talking about the present I've bought for my wife. It's a dressing gown! Thomas is busy, so I'm giving you the job of collecting the goods van that's carrying it, from the harbour."

Percy was relieved to hear this. And Gordon received a dressing down from the Fat Controller for upsetting Percy.

THE END



Through the

Which engine can you see?

Is he pulling coaches or trucks?

What number is he?

Is it a windy day?

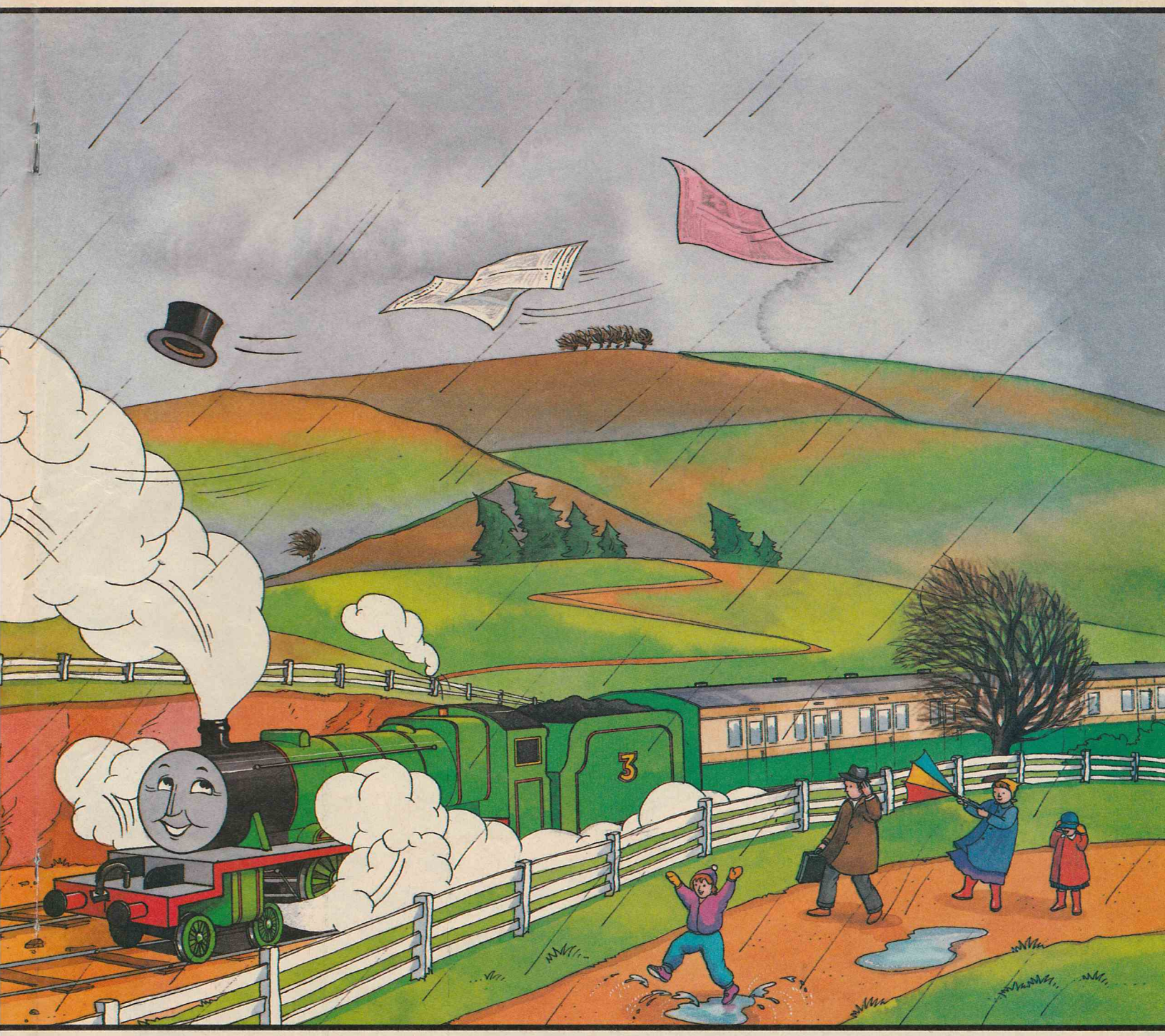
How can you tell?

Point to someone w

Whose hat has blo

What else is blowi

ne storm!



tell?

one who is running home!

s blown away?

lowing through the air?

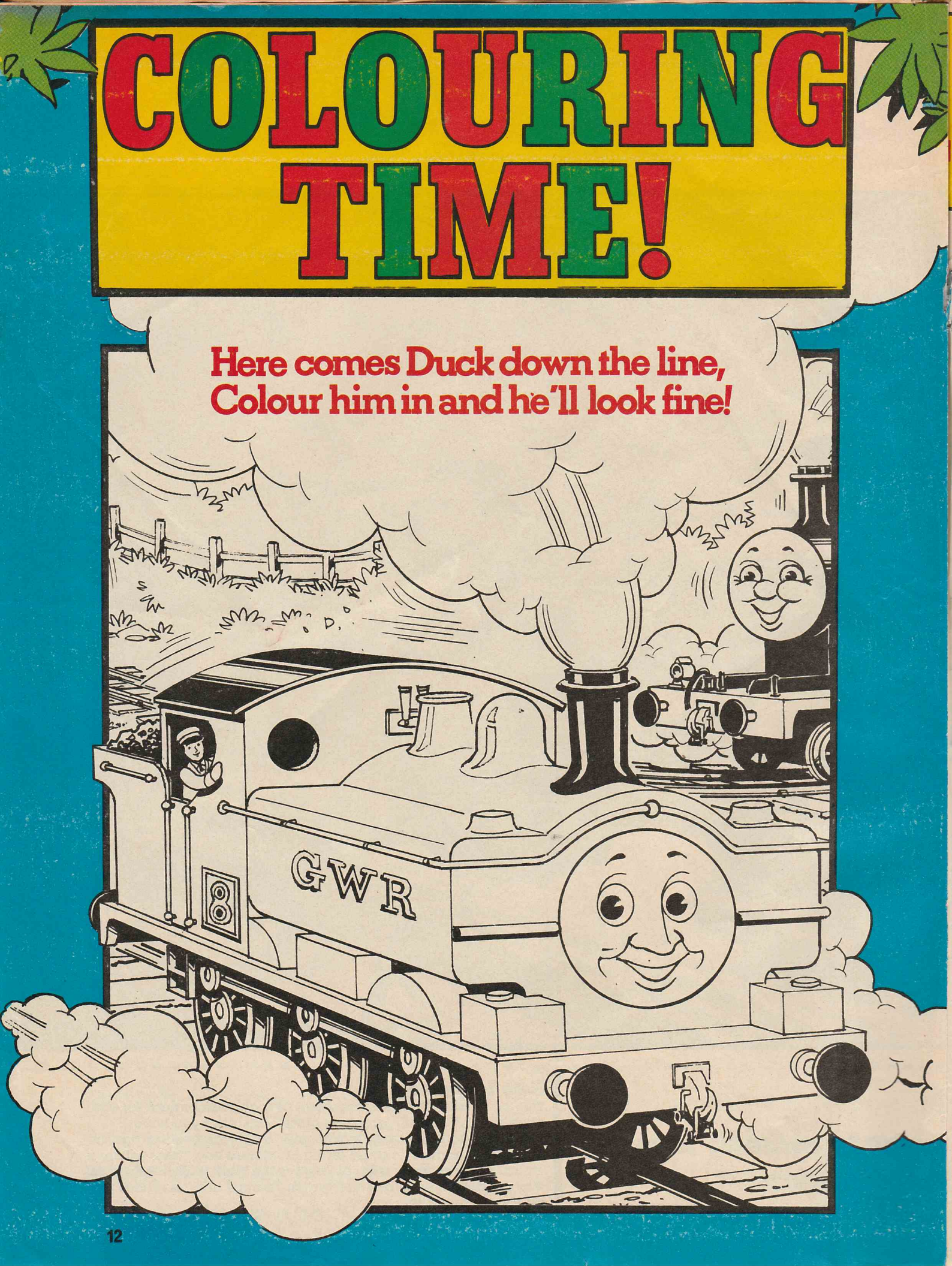
Note for parents

This page is designed to form part of a colourful mural for your child's bedroom, playgroup or classroom. After you have finished reading the comic with your child, remove this part of the centrespread by cutting along the dotted line. There will be a 'mural page' in every issue of **Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends.** Why not collect each one and watch Thomas and his friends puff all round the room!

Next issue: Look! A rainbow!

COLOURING TIME!

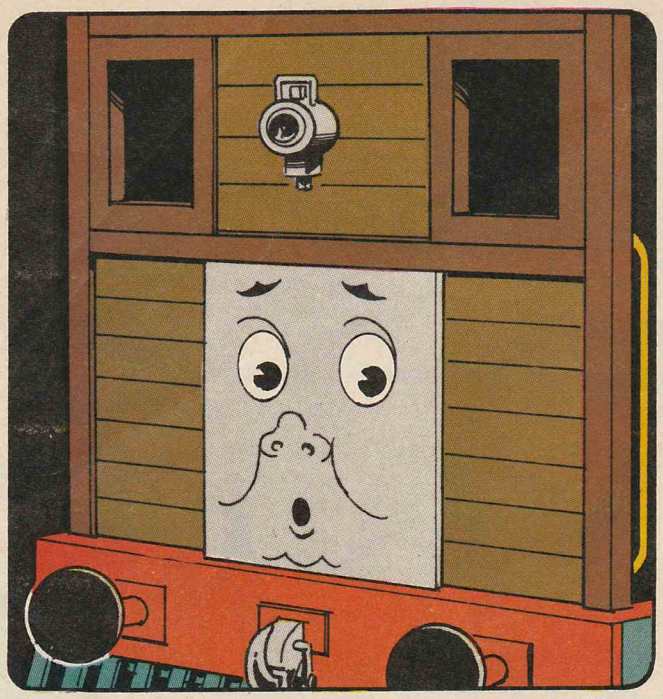
Here comes Duck down the line,
Colour him in and he'll look fine!



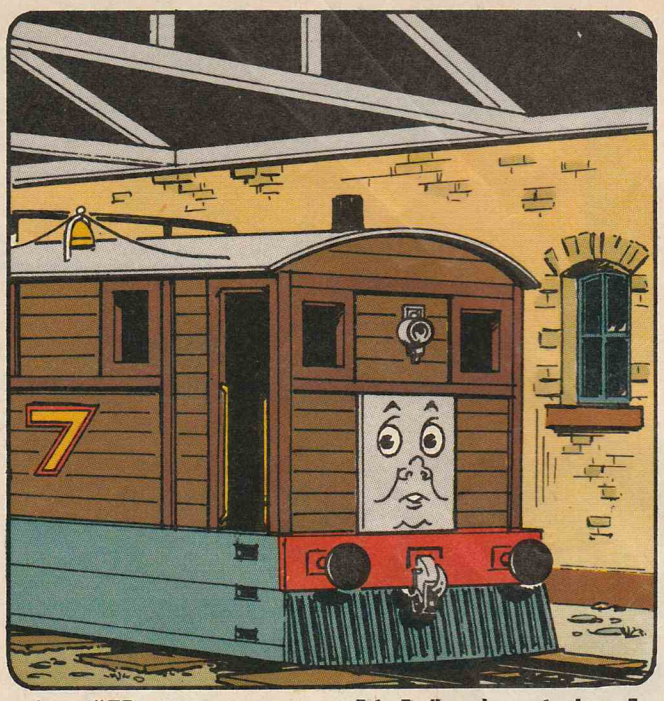
A listen and look story!

1. Toby is a steam-driven tram engine. He may be old but he is still a Really Useful Engine. He works on a branch line pulling trucks to and from the quarry.

2. Toby likes to work hard and everywhere he goes, his faithful coach, Henrietta, goes right behind him. One morning, Toby was in his little shed with Henrietta.

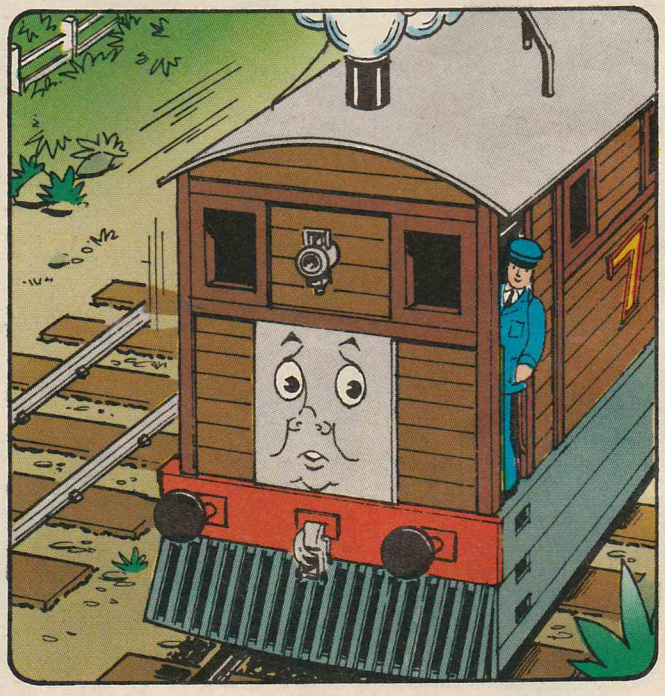


3. Toby heard a funny little noise. "Pardon?" said Toby. "What was that you said, Henrietta?" "What do you mean?" asked Henrietta. "I didn't say anything,Toby!"

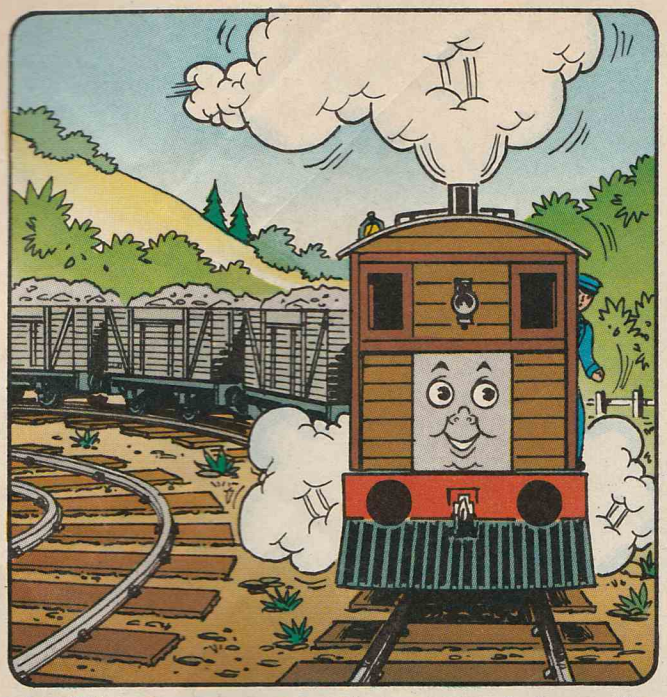


4. "Yes, you did," insisted Toby. "You mumbled something or other. Perhaps you were talking in your sleep." "But I've been awake for ages!" protested Henrietta.

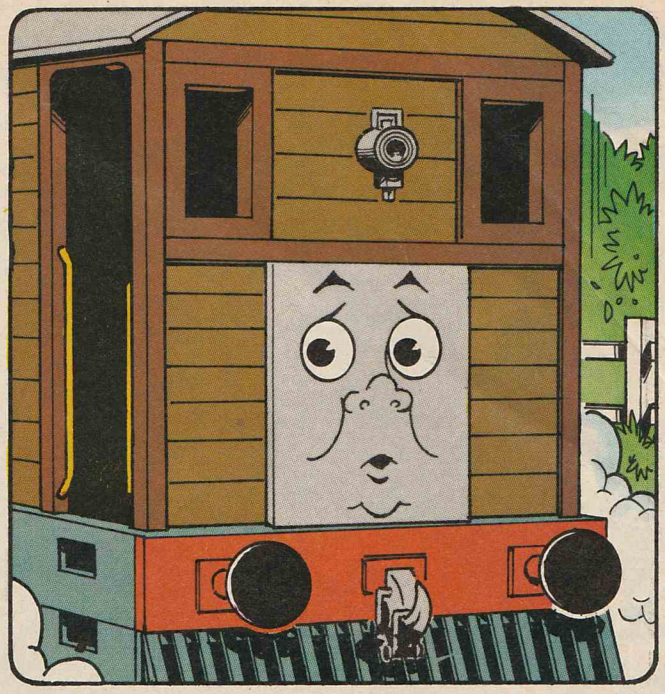
5. Then Toby's driver came into the shed. "'Morning, Toby. 'Morning, Henrietta," he said. "It's time to start work." Toby soon forgot all about the voice he'd heard.



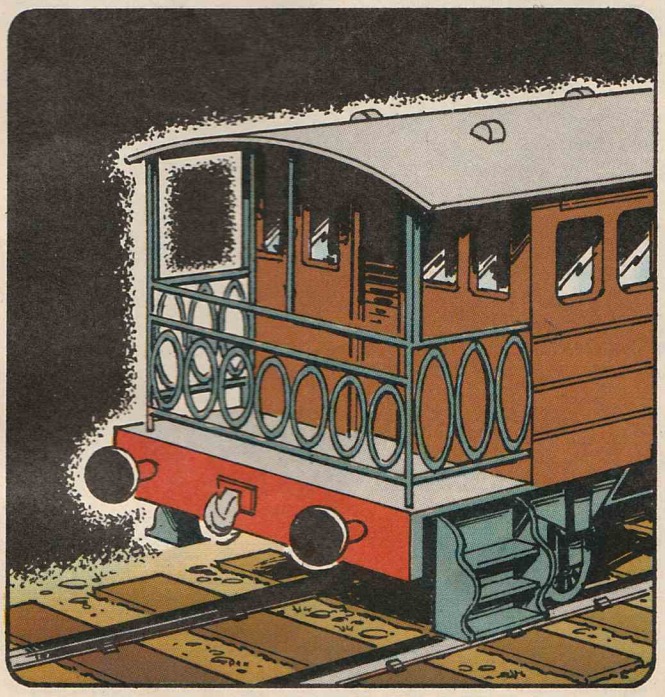
6. Later that same day, as Toby was pulling trucks from the quarry, he heard something peculiar once again. It was like a whisper. Toby couldn't quite make it out.



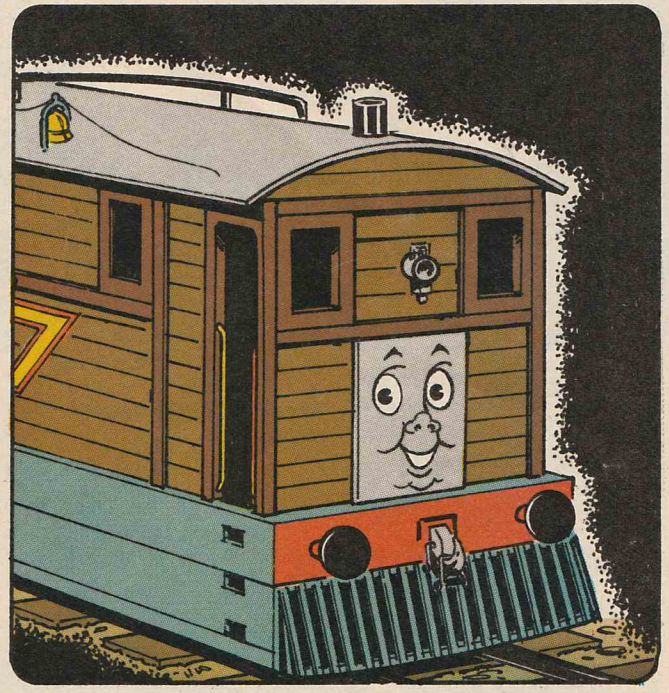
7. "Speak up please, driver!" called Toby. "I can't catch what you're saying." "But I didn't say anything," said his driver. "You must be hearing things, Toby."



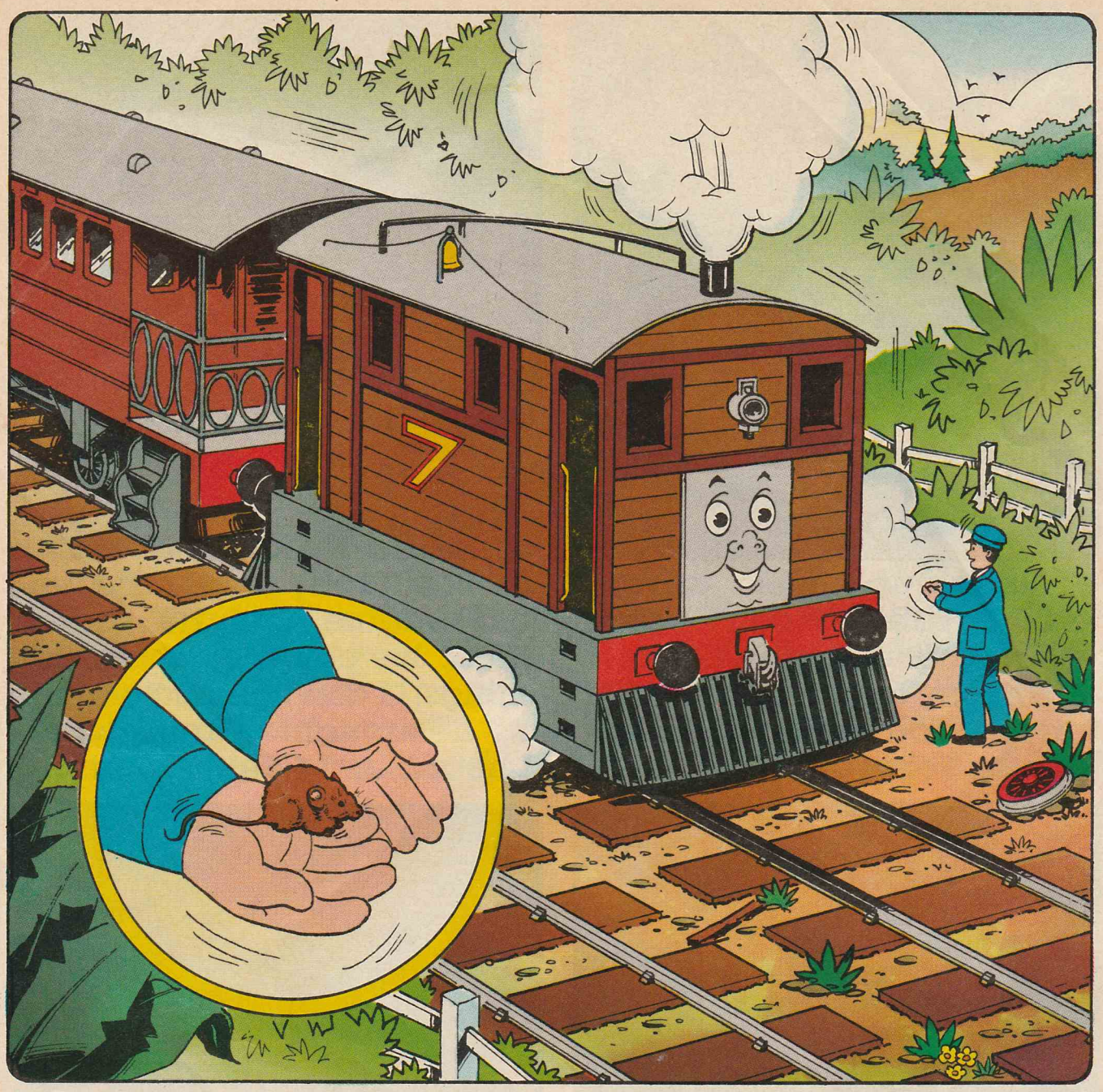
8. Now, Toby might be an old engine, but he didn't think he could be hearing things! "I can't be imagining it," he thought. "I know what I heard and I **did** hear it!"



9. That night in the shed, Toby felt rather sad. "I did hear something," he said. "I know I did." "Never mind," said Henrietta. "Try to get some sleep now, Toby."



10. "**Hee hee hee! Ha ha ha!**" Toby was laughing. It was the middle of the night! "What is it?" Henrietta asked, waking up. "Something is tickling me!" said Toby.



11. "Dear, oh dear," sighed Henrietta. "Toby, you have been acting most peculiarly of late! Will you please go to sleep?" The next day, Toby heard the little voice once again, only this time it sounded rather squeaky. "There it is again!" said Toby. "It's a squeaky sound like one of my valves needs to be oiled or something."

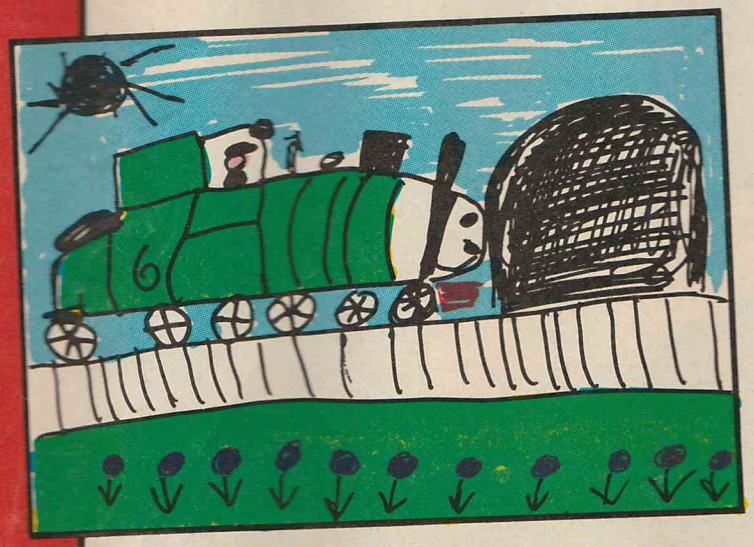
12. "Don't be silly," said his driver. "All your parts are freshly oiled." But he did stop to take a look all the same. "Wait a minute!" called the driver. "I think I see what's been making that sound!" He walked round to show Toby a tiny mouse! "It looks like you had a passenger you didn't know about!" laughed Henrietta.

THE END

In our next issue: Back home!

YOUR DRAWINGS
for the Fat Controller

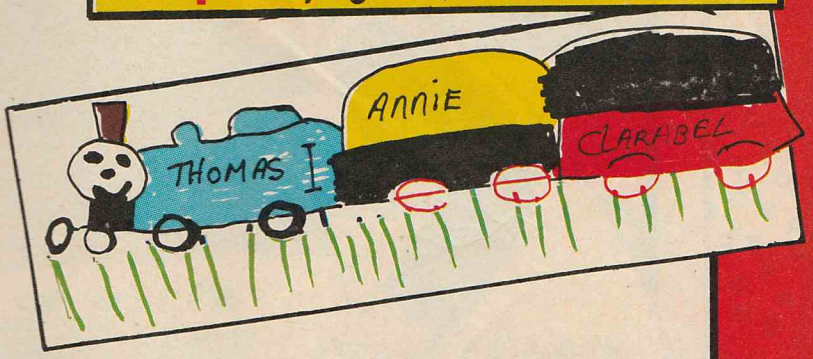
Here are just a few of the many splendid drawings that you have sent us. Can you see your picture?



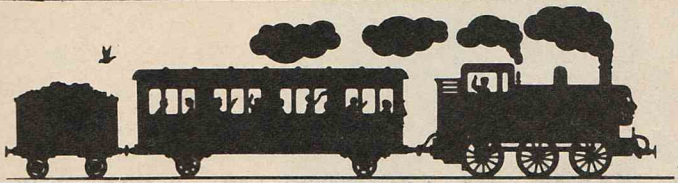
Can you see the large, dark tunnel that Percy is just about to enter? This picture was drawn by **Claire Wilkinson**, aged 6, from Kent.

Goodness me! This picture of the Fat Controller looks very jolly indeed! I wonder if he is dancing? It was sent in by **Kathryn Ball**, aged 4, from Sussex.

Can you see the Fat Controller waving to Thomas as he pulls into the station? This picture was sent in by **Christopher Stone**, aged 5. His membership number is 6195.



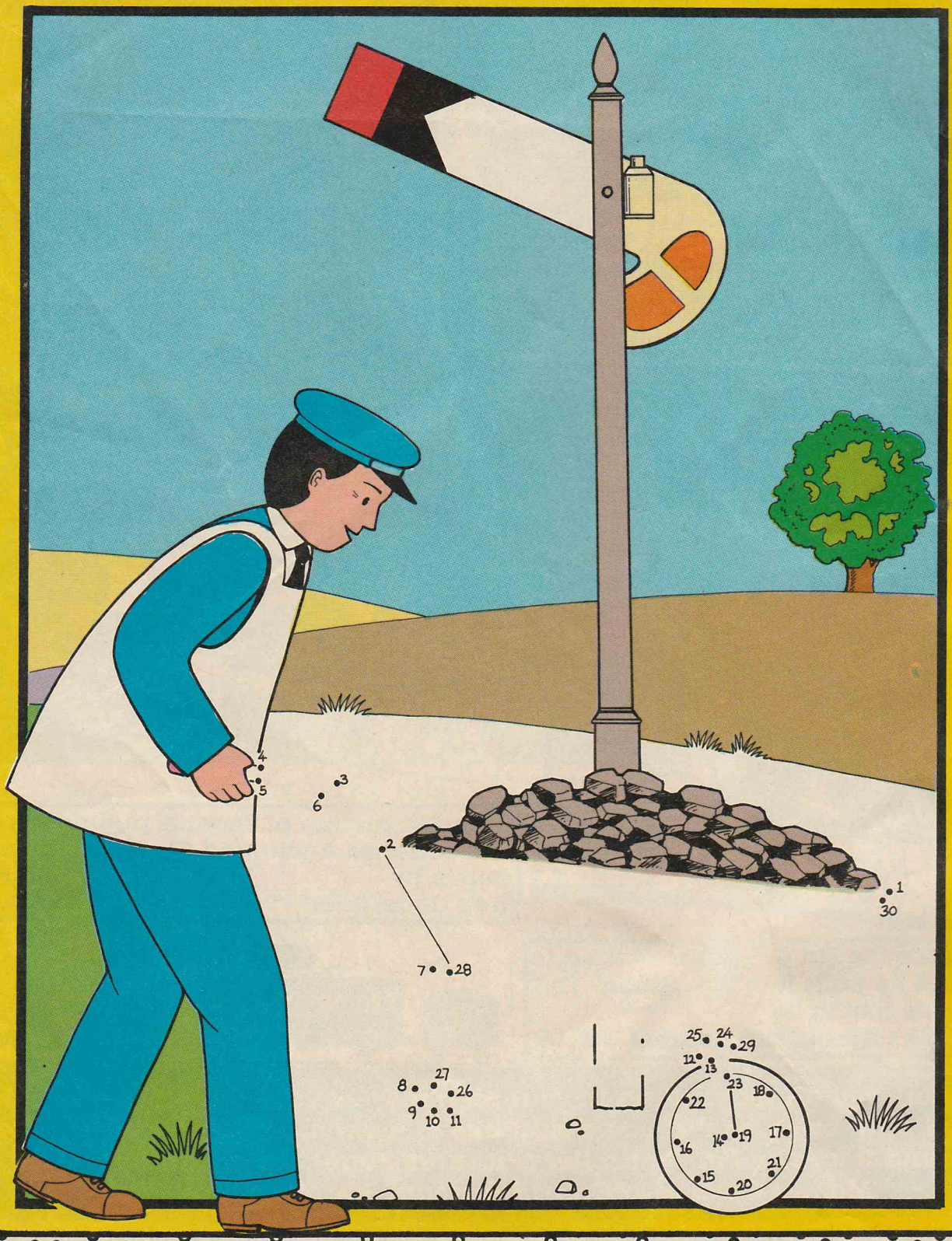
Here is a picture of Thomas pulling his two coaches Annie and Clarabel. It was sent in by **Sam Willey**, from Bournemouth. Well done, Sam!



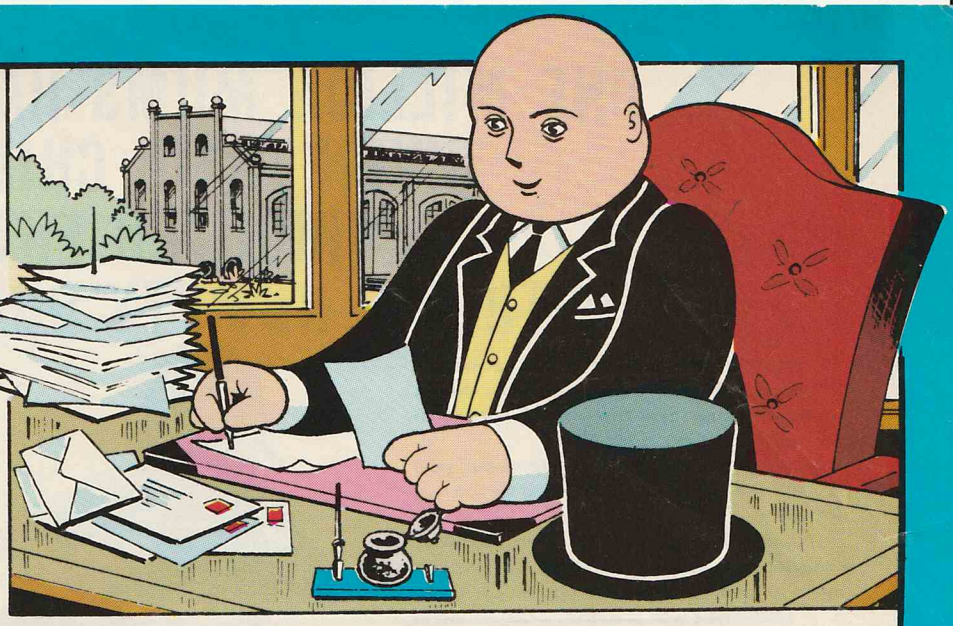
Thank you all for sending in your pictures – we are sorry that we could not print every one! If you would like to draw a picture for us, please send it to: *The Fat Controller (Pictures Page), The Island of Sodor, Marvel Comics Ltd, 13-15 Arundel Street, London WC2.*

JOIN THE DOTS!

**How does the fireman carry the coal?
Join the dots, and make it whole!**



Write to the FAT CONTROLLER



Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas – or any of the other engines? Then why not write to me at the address below? I should be so very pleased to hear from you!

★★★★★★★★★

STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
Whenever I boss my daddy about, he says, 'Who do you think you are, the Fat Controller?' I always say, 'No'. Daddy then replies, 'Well, in that case you must be the Thin Controller then!'
Best wishes from
Elizabeth, aged 3.

Upon my soul! *Your daddy sounds as if he is a very splendid fellow indeed!*

★★★★★★★★★
★★★★★★★

PLAYING GAMES!

Dear Fat Controller,
At school in the playground I like to play with my friends. We play Thomas the Tank Engine – although I am always Edward the Blue Engine, because that is my name!
Love from **Edward,** aged 8, membership no. 24374

Gracious me . . . what a splendid time you must have! You know . . . when I was a boy, I used to pretend that I was a large steam engine puffing around the playground, too!

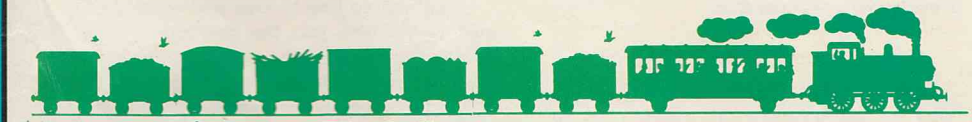
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

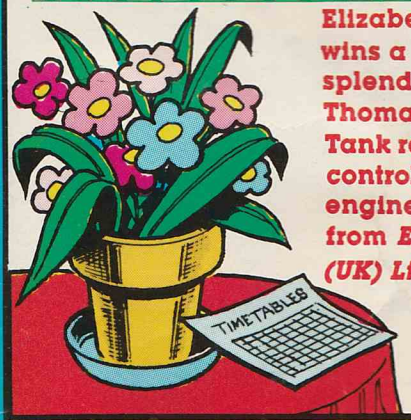
Our very best wishes go to:

Robert Keith Maltrom, James Kirby (25162), Ruth Taylor, Nik Gilbert (29592), David Wynn-Jones (29911), John Greenway, Jeremy Betteridge, James Clark, Steven Johnson (30668), Katy Leman (3164), Jamie Byett, Lloyd Michael James (31338), Alan Wiltshire, Sarah Mason (24633), Martin Hanson, Julian Kemp, Joseph Alan Longmore (26657), Luke Holbrook, Andrew Hawkins (27322), Joseph Whelan, Mark Hopkins, James Delany and Michelle Whelan.

If you'd like a mention here, just send details on a **postcard** please, at least 9 weeks in advance!

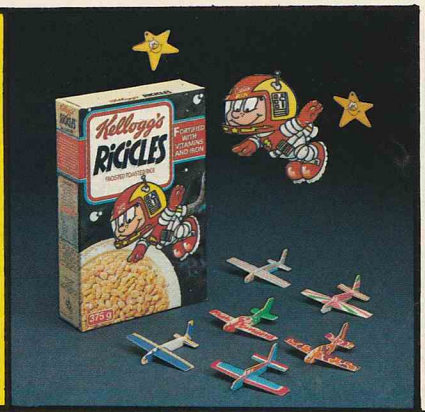
Yours,
Sir Topham Hatt
the Fat Controller.





Elizabeth wins a splendid Thomas the Tank remote control engine from *ERTL (UK) Ltd.*

ADVERTISEMENT
In the next issue of **Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends** magazine Kellogg's Ricicles are running a competition with lots of supersonic prizes to give away. Also, inside specially marked Kellogg's Ricicles cereal packets you will find fabulous **Galactic Gliders.**



Send your letters to: The Island of Sodor, c/o Marvel Comics Ltd, 13/15 Arundel Street, London WC2.

ADVERTISEMENT

ONE MILLION MUMS HAVE ALREADY GIVEN THEIR CHILDREN A BRIGHTER FUTURE WITH THE HUMPTY DUMPTY CLUB

In the early years of life, a child's memory is almost limitless. At this time a child can learn and remember more than at any other time in his life.

So, give a child the right information now and it will stand him in good stead for the rest of his life.

Give him the information he needs to develop his vocabulary and the all-important skills of reading, writing and counting.

And, if he's well prepared when he starts school, he'll be more than able to keep up – even stay ahead – throughout his school days.

And there's one very effective way to help achieve all this.

Make your child a member of the Humpty Dumpty Club.

DESIGNED BY EXPERTS

Every month Humpty Dumpty Club members receive a great big exciting folder packed with games, puzzles, books and other activities on subjects such as 'The Seasons', 'Animal Homes' and 'Transport'.

Amy's reading has come on so much now and she knows the names for so many things. She can even write her name – and she's still only three.

Mrs Leyburn talking about her daughter Amy, aged 3.

They'll think it's fun. You'll know it's educational because each pack is devised by experts to incorporate four key elements.

COLOUR, INTEREST, CHALLENGE AND REWARD FOR HOURS AND HOURS OF EDUCATIONAL FUN

Children are naturally attracted to colour so every pack is jolly and bright, with lots of opportunities for the child to add colour of his own. And with puzzles, games, books and lots of absorbing activities, there are endless hours of interest to be had.

But there must be an element of challenge, too. Just enough to give a real feeling of achievement with every jigsaw finished, every new word recognised, every picture coloured inside the lines!

Excellent – beautifully produced and well thought out, colourful, stimulating and suited to several levels.

Mrs Pearson, a teacher whose son Thomas aged 4, is a Humpty Dumpty Club member.

It's that feeling of satisfaction and achievement that is its own reward for every member of the Humpty Dumpty Club.

AND THE FIRST PACK'S FREE

However, it would be unreasonable of us to expect you to take our word for all this. So we've decided to go one better and give you a Humpty Dumpty pack, 'The Zoo' – absolutely free.

Then you'll be able to see for yourself just how much your child will learn from the first pack alone.

FREE HUMPTY DUMPTY HEIGHT CHART AND BADGE WHEN YOU JOIN

We think you'll be so impressed with your first free pack, you're going to want to join. And it couldn't be simpler.

Just complete the coupon below to receive your first free activity pack 'The Zoo'. Reply within 10 days and we'll send you a free Humpty Dumpty height chart and club badge, too. They're yours to keep whatever you decide.

You will then receive your second pack 'Animal Homes' on approval with an invoice for £4.25 (+£1.50 p&p). If, for any reason, you decide not to keep it, simply return it to us with the invoice.

If you do keep 'Animal Homes', just pay the invoice and you will then receive further packs approximately monthly – always on approval. You can cancel your membership at any time without giving a reason and without having to buy a minimum amount of packs. And, remember, Humpty Dumpty Club packs are not available from even the best shops.

So, with so little to lose and so much to gain, isn't it time you, like one million other satisfied mums before you, invested in the brightest possible future for your child with the Humpty Dumpty Club?

The Times Educational Supplement.

for parents who want to help their children at home these packs provide a structure around which to work as well as provoking ideas and stimulating interest and enthusiasm.

YOUR FIRST ACTIVITY PACK

'The Zoo'

20 BOOKS 116 ACTIVITIES
348 LEARN TO READ CARDS
AND 499 GAMES

ALL FOR AROUND £1 A WEEK

The Humpty Dumpty Club, Odhams Leisure Ltd., Wellingborough, Northants NN8 2YX.

SEND NO MONEY – NO STAMP NEEDED

Post to: The Humpty Dumpty Club, FREEPOST, Odhams Leisure Group Ltd., Wellingborough, Northants NN8 2YX.

YES I want to give my child a really good head start. So please send me my free Humpty Dumpty pack, 'The Zoo' and my second pack 'Animal Homes' on 10 days' free home approval. I understand I am not obliged to buy a thing.

Name _____ Child's Age _____

Address _____

_____

_____ Postcode _____

(I am over 18)

Parent or Guardian's Signature _____

BRITAIN'S No.1 EARLY LEARNING CLUB

Offer applies to UK only. Odhams Leisure Group Limited, Reg. No. 192455, Wellingborough, Northants NN8 2YX.

FREE

RETURN THIS COUPON WITHIN 10 DAYS AND YOU WILL RECEIVE THESE TWO FREE GIFTS– THE HUMPTY DUMPTY HEIGHT CHART AND HUMPTY DUMPTY CLUB BADGE

HD/AM/M 3003